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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of: GAUDET et al.) Examiner: Ernest G. THERKORN

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Application No.: 09/944,064)

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Group Art Unit: 1723

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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Appeal Brief-Patents
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment places the claims in a better condition for appeal and
accompanies the Brief on Appeal submitted herewith.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.